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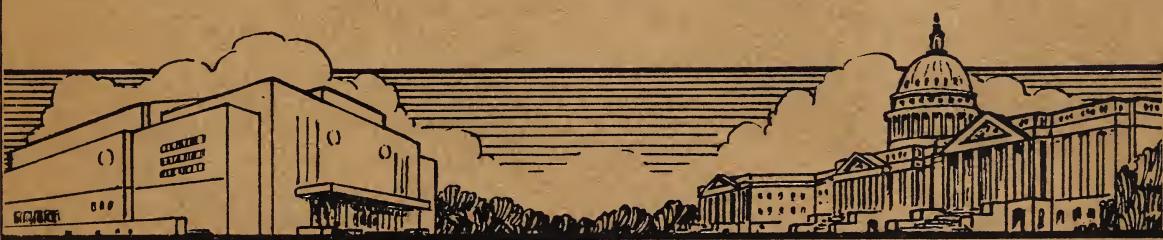
HUT-TWO-THREE

If an army marches on its stomach, the Farm Credit Choral Group sings on its.

After an arduous practice session on a hearty dinner as guests of the American Legion the evening of September 11, the group came through in great style

Hester Waters introduced the group, giving a sketch of the after-work-hour war work accomplishments of the members as blood donors, Red Cross workers, war bond drive speakers, entertainers for the armed forces, USO workers, and other activities too numerous to mention.

The Legionaires applauded "On Wings of Song" with much appreciation. "When Day is Done" was especially well-balanced in its delivery. The stirring martial "Shout I'm an American" drew enthusiastic applause. Tiny Mary Jo Evans, in contrast with her robust tones produced by aid of the microphone when she sang the obligato part of "America the Beautiful," delighted the audience so much that the clapping continued for an inordinate length of time.



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TUESDAY LUNCHEON MOVIES

12:15 and 1:00 P.M.

September 26, 1944

Film Communiqué No. 10

This picture shows the action of our forces in Italy and the South Pacific. How the game Bingo is played against enemy forces is also shown.

and

Chance to Lose

News From Field And Camp



LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

T/S John S. Theis (37244799, Hdq. 94th Inf. Div., APO 94 c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.) It has been quite sometime since I have taken time out to write you a few lines, so will endeavor to do so now.

I am now stationed in England. I am in a good camp and the food has been swell and plenty of it.

We are having nice cool weather here and I sleep under blankets every night.

The country is very beautiful here and the weather is swell only we get quite a bit of rain and fog.

Homer A. Calloway, Major A.C. (Shipment Supervisor, APO A.A.F. 1060th Base Unit, Greensboro, N. C.) Have been having a busy and somewhat hectic life of recent months. Just recently returned from a trip which took me around the world.

Give my regards to all the fellows for me. I'm really going to write some letters sometime.

I tried to locate Balderson and Hendricks a few weeks ago when I was in India.

S/Sgt. Joseph Kudlack (VMSB 241 1st MAW c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.) I decided that it was about time to send a great big "Hello" to all the good friends at Farm Credit.

Out here in the Pacific Zone of operations everything seems to be under control. Am stationed on an Island that at one time was quite an active location. At the present time it is rather peaceful and pretty well secured. Most of these Islands are slowly changing hands and becoming very fit places to live on - that is for a very short stay.

Corp. Thomas F. Nelson, (Company "E" 26th Marines, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.) After two years of training in the states I have finally made the cruise across the puddle.

Despite our foolish and fond hopes, we did not get into a combat area and are still training. We are probably better off this way but it was quite a disappointment. I have been given what amounts to a promotion without the pay

as I now am a section leader in a machine gun platoon. This is a sergeant's job, but I still remain a corporal. I don't mind though as I will make it on the next list. I have a job which I like that of controlling two machine guns.

O/C Samuel R. Hopkins (37209141, Co. G, 5th Plat., M.A.C.-O.C.S., Camp Barkeley, Texas) Here I am in Texas now going to Officers Candidate School.

If everything goes well I will be here about sixteen weeks yet and get a commission sometime the latter part of December.

Capt. R. P. Beach (USMCR, VMB, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.) Needless to say I have been very busy out here. Our outfit manages to cause daily trouble for the little yellow rats we are fighting and though they at times give us trouble, the balance is considerably on our side.

I wish I could tell you what we are doing in explicit terms, but that will have to wait. I have covered a lot of territory in the Pacific. Our present location is fairly comfortable. It is very hot and very humid. It rains nearly every day and the sun would fry eggs - if we had them. Our living quarters are tents, of course, and our food consists largely of canned and dehydrated food items. Even the wildest imaginations of our cooks can't make them enjoyable for the length of time we must exist on them.

Strictly Personal



Central Office Accounting. Marion Morelock visited her parents in Green-castle, Mo...A baby boy arriving on September 14 made a new aunt of Ida Bernat...From India comes a letter for Mary Rossman from her husband, a sergeant in the Radio Communications Detachment of the Army Air Force, in which he says his living quarters are good and that an Indian boy does an excellent job of housekeeping for the price of 30 cents per week...Bill Holman left for a week's visit with his mother and friends in Ottumwa, Iowa...Charles Snyder is vacationing in Oklahoma with his grand mother and other relatives...Pay Roll Unit welcomes to its group, Margaret Keating...Ardys Hagen is vacationing with her husband who is home on a furlough...Rae Crim's brother, Lt. Robert Sanford, of the 350th Infantry, who is convalescing in Italy, writes that the wonderful Mediterranean sea air and sunshine plus excellent medical care are causing his fast recovery.

Chief of Administrative Division's Office and Planning. V. V. Hemstreet is spending a vacation at home and on the golf course...A tonsillectomy for his small son was the cause of A. T. Crickmer's absence from the office for a day...C. G. Lockwood relaxed at home for a short holiday...Paul Rapp is

packing his toothbrush for a trip to Chicago to visit his sister.

Chief Clerk's Office. Elma Muller left for a Washington, D. C., vacation with friends and relatives...Maxine Lehman has returned from a short visit at her home in Halstead, Kans., to complete her plans to depart on September 25 for a career in Alaska.

Cooperative. Rosalie Mountjoy from Stenographic Section is a new secretary in the district bank subdivision... Kay Price spent a week's vacation at her home in Kansas...Paul Quintus, formerly of CR&S, dropped in between trains to obtain reservations and greet FCA friends...We were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. J. P. Strong's father...Commissioner Sanders, minus his plaster cast, has a good right arm again...Marvalee Beach from Stenographic Section is on detail in the division...The daily bouquets of colorful flowers supplied by Elizabeth Cawood are a delight to the division...Virginia Hibbs relaxes at home on a week's vacation...A warm weather cold kept Norman Lipscomb at home for a few days...Alma Day, the proud aunt of a first niece, is spending her vacation in Washington, D. C., making use of her home nursing course...S. Y. McConnell has returned from a short holiday spent playing tennis and recuperating from a case of poisoning caused by the use of the wrong kind of hair tonic.

Emergency Crop & Feed Loan. J. E. Halligan is beaming over the news of the

birth of twin boys to his daughter, Mrs. J. R. Collins, in Philadelphia on September 4, named Jay Robert, Jr., and Thomas Edward...Membership 100 percent in the Farm Credit Club is the latest boast of the division.

Examination. V. A. Bixler was a visitor at the Kansas State Fair in Topeka during a short vacation...A week end in Lincoln, Nebr., was spent by Dorothy Mack and her roommate, Jean Sutter, with Jean's sister and friends...Keith Scott is spending a war-time travel-free vacation in Kansas City...Balmer Hill, formerly a Major of the 13th Air Force, is spending a few days in the division prior to resuming field examination duties...A holder of record unique experiences, George Bartlett's latest tale is of his endeavor to prove his identity when two detectives identified him on a street corner as a draft dodger and lengthily questioned him.

Finance & Accounts. Helen Brechelsen week-ended in Topeka...Proving her popularity as a hostess, Nancy Beatty recently entertained a Wave from Washington, D. C., a Wave from Hutchinson, Kans., and another friend from Kansas; gave a monopoly on her time over a week end to a Royal Dutch Marine from Quantico; and is presently "doing the town" with a WAC sergeant from Texas...Wilma Black from Stenographic Section is on detail in Securities Section...Virginia Bahr spent a short vacation with relatives in

St. Joe, Mo...As a guest of honor at a luncheon at the Aladdin Grill, Carrie Rountree received wishes for pleasant days during her extended leave of absence...The Securities Section is enjoying the temporary presence of Mary Vrablic, formerly of the St. Louis JSLB...Gerry Beauchamp spent several days in New Mexico with his brother who is stationed there...Attending the Topeka Fair were Walter Reeker and Bert Colombe and families...Helen McCabe was a nine-time visitor at the blood bank...A recent guest of Bill Albright was his father of Miami, Fla...Storekeeper 2/c Mercedes Goodson, stationed in Norman, Okla., dropped in to say hello.

Graphic. Two hopeful fishermen, Hoyt Elkins and Paul Rapp, surrounded by rods, reels, and fishing worms, motored to Kernodles Park on a recent Sunday and returned with no fish and no gas... Donald Ferguson left for a month's "vacation" in the harvest fields of Fargo, N. Dak..The Amos Russell family visited Mrs. Russell's grandmother in Sigourney, Iowa...Alice Campbell is spending a week housecleaning and visiting with her mother who arrived from St. Joe, Mo.

Information & Extension. Catherine Hardy is vacationing at her home in Kensington, Md., and in New York City... Roberta Hendee took the oath of the WAC's on September 14 and will depart for the fort in Des Moines the first week in October...A week end was spent

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OPENING OF FCA MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

TEAM STANDINGS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Total pinfall</u>
Reports.....	6	0	4,481
Field Accounting.....	5	1	3,967
Examination.....	4	2	3,915
Graphic.....	4	2	3,683
Short Term.....	2	4	3,746
Land Bank.....	1	5	4,304
CAPs.....	1	5	3,638
Accounts.....	1	5	3,328

RECORDS

HTG Reports 855 HTS Reports 2,242 HIG Hein 214 HIS McWhirt 542

AVERAGES

Hein 175-5

McWhirt 175-2

Menk 173-2



OPENING OF FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

TEAM STANDINGS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Total pinfall</u>
Personnel.....	5	1	3,412
Legal.....	5	1	3,175
Examination.....	4	2	3,100
F & A.....	3	3	3,443
Audit.....	2	4	3,366
Reports.....	2	4	3,215
Purchase.....	2	4	2,985
Graphic.....	1	5	2,654

RECORDS

HTG F&A 637

HTS F&A 1,763

HIG Clark 190

HIS Clark 443

AVERAGES

Clark 145

Owens 137

Kehres 133

Hoemann 129

by Frances Price at the home of her roommate in Stanbury, Mo.

Intermediate Credit. Lilian Masse is spending a 2 weeks' vacation with her sister in Detroit, Mich.

Land Bank. A dinner was given for Helen Limke at the Savoy Hotel by former coworkers when she recently stopped over in Kansas City while en route across country to her new office in New York City...Lila Owens is journeying to Greenfield, Mo., to see the home folks...The highlight of Marjorie Hinds' vacation was a flight to Topeka with her niece, Marjorie Ann, on a Sunday afternoon...Former FCA'er Mary Markel sends a vacation card from Colorado Springs... "Had a wonderful vacation," reports Dorothy Griffith returning from her home in Minnesota.

Library. Louise Pressgrove entertained a week-end guest from Nashville, Tenn... Ruth Polson is comfortably ensconced in her new home on Prospect Avenue, following the departure of her roommate, Mrs. Frank Watson, for St. Louis and Franklin, Ind., to join her husband...A week end was spent by Mabel Schweitzer in Ottawa, Kans.

Mail. When the school bell rang for Colleen Glover on September 15, the gang honored her with a picnic lunch...Mabel Cease is welcomed to our group...Donna Beirne is able to "step lively" again now that a large blister on her heel has

healed...Messenger Betty Higgins is on the run again following her return from detail to the Governor's Office...We are curious to know who the regular Saturday luncheon date of Edith Feighner can be.

Mortgage Corporation Service. Mary Jane McGee was called to her home in Mannington, W. Va., because of the death of her father.

Personnel. Gordon Van Leer has returned from a "workout" vacation consisting of lawn mowing, screen adjusting, etc... Ruth Biggerstaff attended a ministerial conference in Brookfield, Mo...Julia Norton spent a few days visiting her daughter in Canton, Ill...A newcomer, Connie Calloway, is welcomed to the Appointment Unit...Phyllis Windrum, who parted from FCA to complete her education at Missouri University, was a guest of honor at a dinner given by FCA friends at the Green Parrot Inn...We hear that there was a wedding in St. Augustine, Fla., on September 16 when Spar Polly McCoy became the bride of Coast Guardsman D. K. Wells, with Spar Nell Mellott as bridesmaid...Frances Sayre writes that she is enjoying her stay in San Diego with her husband who is stationed there...Recent guests of Betty Taylor were her parents of Maryville, Mo., and her brother, Lt. Robert Taylor, of Nashville, Tenn...From France comes the rumor that an Army truck has been named for Marie Wassenberg...Present vacationists include Milton Hoberecht, who is

staying within the limits of Kansas City; Carietta Rech, who is visiting her family in Howard, Kans.; and Blanche Stone, who traveled to Washington, D.C.

Production Credit. Vic Basart entertained PCC secretaries at a dinner and a later reception attended by the male members of the division and their wives. Entertainment was furnished by E. H. Forbush, secretary of the PCC of Springfield, who proved himself a master in the art of magic...Ken Scott is recuperating at home from an illness of several weeks...Homer Smith spent a week end with a rod and reel.

Property & Supply. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Smith were called to Chambersburg, Pa., because of the death of Mrs. Smith's father...Joshua Hunter traveled to St. Louis on a week end to attend a church convention..."I threw them all back," reported Torrence Cease on his return from a week-end fishing trip...M. H. Finnell, who parted from FCA on August 15 to accept a position with the Treasury Department, was presented an Eversharp desk pen set.....Greetings were received from Larry Waugh who is presently attending Storekeeper's School in Farragut, Idaho.

Solicitor's Office. Claire and Al Katz traveled eastward for a vacation with their families in Washington, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh...Lt. Paul Ritter, USCGR, who is in Pittsburgh awaiting assignment as commanding officer of an LST, sends greetings in a letter to

E. Anthony...A. Goldman has returned to his desk fully recovered from a recent operation.

Vise' Mrs. Laura Miller from General Files Section is detailed to the section.

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

Ask Bernie Viehmann about his experience at the blood bank last time - seems as though just as they were about ready to take the pint they inquired if he had any poison ivy - he said, "Oh, I usually have some" and sure enuf they located three minute spots and told him that even if it didn't bother him it would some poor soldier - so now he's waiting to go again!

CR&S welcomes back Mildred Sundquist who was with us last year for a brief month...R. L. Crim came in to see us while here on vacation and so did Deane Ruth...Tillie Hurray is now working for OFAR in the Department...Harold Yeager came in and told us about some of his experience traveling across country Trailer-style.

Our sailor, Bob Gosselin, had a week's leave and says the "amphibbs" are great stuff...Your reporter is glad to say that she just contributed her fifth pint of blood to the Red Cross bank - and we have a new donor - Catherine Boswell. Lacey Rickey was a second-time donor.

When Blanche Stone was here, she, Edith Saxton, and Grace McGuire had lunch

together - quite a gab-fest no doubt... SPAR Nell Mellott writes that she is to be maid-of-honor at Polly McCoy's wedding on the 16th of this month.

P. S. Any resemblance to the actual card sent from Rehoboth by the THREE MUSKETEERS and that in the last issue of the GRAPEVINE is purely coincidental.

HUT-TWO-THREE

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The following letters from a few who have enjoyed the privilege of listening to the choral group speak for themselves:

From the American Legion Auxiliary:
(The letter is addressed to Waverly Haynes) "Will you please convey to the members of the Farm Credit Choral Club our appreciation and thanks for coming to our meeting last Monday evening and giving us such a fine musical program.

"You are to be congratulated as director of such a well trained chorus and it was most thoughtful on your part to bring us this entertainment."

The manager of The Veterans Administration in Wadsworth, Kansas wrote to the Red Cross: "On behalf of the Management and the members and patients of this Facility I wish to express to your Chapter our sincere thanks and appreciation for the splendid program given in our hospital auditorium last night by Miss Waverly Haines and her charming group of singers from Kansas City. That this program was sincerely appreciated

by the Veterans and others present was shown by the enthusiastic applause given for each number on the program. We hope we may have the pleasure of listening to them again in the near future. Please convey to those taking part in the program our thanks, and to the sponsors, the Farm Credit Administration."

And in sending us a copy of the above letter the Red Cross added:

"We want you and your group to know how much your performance was enjoyed and appreciated. Let us hear from you about plans for future performances."

ENTERTAIN SERVICEMEN

A dozen FCA employees with 30 dozen doughnuts, contributed by the Farm Credit Club, took over the Servicemen's Club on Pershing Road, Sunday, September 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Coffee and doughnuts were served to about 200 servicemen who came to the club during those hours. The group entertained the soldiers and sailors, visited with them, played the piano and in general tried to make them feel at home during their short stay here between trains.

FCA'ers who assisted were Lucille Achauer, Madeline Brockman, Albert Cunningham, Alma Day, Pearl Ferguson, Gwendolyn Goode, Bernice Nilson, Phoebe Norton, Emma Lou Peake, Louise Pressgrove, Marie Puhr, and Mabel Schweitzer.

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KEEP ON BUYING WAR BONDS



BOWLING SEASON OPENS

The Farm Credit bowling leagues, consisting of 8 women's teams and an equal number of men's teams, started their 1944-45 season Thursday evening, September 7, at the Plaza Bowl.

Governor Duggan was on hand to start the proceedings by rolling the first ball down the maple-ways to start the women's league and threw an almost perfect strike ball, knocking down all but 9 pins, to get the men's league under way. A large crowd was present to witness the opening ceremonies and to root for their favorite team.

Governor Duggan showed such promising form after bowling the first ball that George Olson, captain of the Examination team, immediately signed him up as an alternate to Cap Arnold. Martin Fox was a spectator, watching Examination teams represented in both leagues.

ATTENTION MEN GOLFERS

Men golfers intending to participate in the Annual FCA Match Play Golf Tournament are requested to register at the 14th Street bulletin board not later than Wednesday, September 27. Play will start Sunday, October 1, and rules governing play together with pairings

will be posted before this date. Entrants are requested to post \$1.00 with Kenny Light which will be returned later as prize money.

CLUB ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED

As a result of the response to the Farm Credit Club Activities Questionnaire, the Educational Committee is already making investigations and arrangements for the organization of groups interested in elementary bridge, flying instructions, and modern ballroom dancing. These activities will be headed by Mary Lou Vance, Delphine Beirne, and Doris Ann Schmeltz, respectively.

Phoebe Norton and Helen McCabe have agreed to help organize classes in elementary Spanish and Dressmaking, respectively, and those interested in these activities will be notified as soon as arrangements have been made.

The class in Creative Writing, sponsored by the Farm Credit Club, will meet on Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m., in room 1307D, beginning September 22. Myrtes-Marie Plummer, who taught the class last year, is the instructor.

FIRST HIKE OF FALL SEASON

Hoyt Elkins, chairman of the hiking committee, promises an interesting opening hike on Sunday, October 8, 1944. Watch for details in the next issue of the Grapevine.

NOON-HOUR CONCERT BY WOMEN'S CHORAL GROUP

The Women's Choral Group, under the direction of Waverly Haynes, will offer selected numbers from their repertory on Wednesday, September 27, in room 1345E, starting at 12:45 p.m. Next Wednesday's program will include negro spirituals, hymns, and patriotic numbers.

RECENT ACCESSIONS TO RECORD LIBRARY

For a few cents a day you may borrow any one of the following albums and enjoy a home concert on your record player:

Billy Rose's Carmen Jones
Cole Porter's Mexican Hayride
Shostakovich's Piano Concerto
Strauss' Don Juan
Prokofieff's Peter and the Wolf
Gershwin's Porgy and Bess
Schubert's Trio No. 1 in B-Flat Major
Mozart's Quintet for Clarinet and Strings

NEW BOOKS FOR CLUB LIBRARY

New books received by the club library include the following:

Modern English and American Literature
edited by W. Somerset Maugham
Barren Ground by Ellen Glasgow
The Last Voyage of the Queen Sabe by
Lars Skattebol
Boston Adventure by Jean Stafford

KEEPING WELL

Many employees have reported that local treatments and infra-red therapy received in the Emergency Room have been

very helpful in shortening the duration of ordinary colds and preventing sinusitis, laryngitis, and other complications which often follow the common cold.

CHRISTMAS BOXES

It's going to be a real Christmas for the FCA boys and girls in the service this year. Santa, with the aid of the Farm Credit Club, is fervishly working with a committee composed of Rose Fleming, Gladys Lytle, Helen Bailey, Deane Ruth, R. H. Cawood, and L. J. Gardner, to get these boxes in the mail.

To cover the cost of the packages the committee has decided to place a container, probably a milk bottle, in the Fourteenth and Thirteenth Street entrances so that each employee will have a chance to share in these Christmas gifts. Donate what you can and the FCA Club will make up the difference. Any surplus which may arise due to over subscription will be placed in a special fund to be applied next year.

ADDITIONAL CLUB SERVICE

At a meeting this week of the board of directors of the Farm Credit Club it was decided to keep permanently, in the mail room, a roll of wrapping paper and a ball of twine for the use of Club members.

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Doing nothing is the most tiresome job in the world - You can't quit it and rest.